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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

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A meeting was held on **Monday, January 14, 2013**  
Clarion Hotel, 200 Main St., Green Bay, WI

- 1) The meeting was officially called to order by President McKloskey at 11:31 am.
- 2) Roll Call:

Present: President Neil McKloskey  
Vice-President Craig Dickman  
Commissioner Bernie Erickson  
Commissioner Bryan Hyska  
Commissioner Hank Wallace  
Commissioner John Hanitz  
Commissioner Ron Anntoneau  
Commissioner Greg Flisram  
Commissioner Tom Klimek

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&SW  
Mark Walter, Brown County P&SW  
Kristen Paquet, Leonard & Finco Public Relations  
Bill Miston, WLUK-TV  
Todd Berry, WLUK-TV

3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

**A motion to approve the agenda was made by Tom Klimek and seconded by Hank Wallace.** Unanimously approved.

4) Approval/Modification – November 12, 2012 Meeting Minutes

**A motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2012 was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Tom Klimek.** Unanimously approved.

5) Cat Island Chain Restoration Project – Update

The Port has completed their part of the Cat Island project. Right now, staff is working in partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers for the remaining Cat Island project. The

Port is purchasing of the rock, the US Army Corps of Engineers is hauling and placing the rock. The project began October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The first two Islands are framed out and now work is beginning on the third. As of today, there is approximately 300,000 tons of material (armor stone, core stone, and gravel) that has been moved out to the Islands. The total amount of stone is 20% to 25% less than anticipated because of low water and the bottom layer of sediments are so sandy and hard. The staff has figured the project will be done by this year.

The completion schedule for the Cat Island Project is 2015. The low bids; reduction in stone and accelerated schedule is challenging both parties to stay in cost share balance. Much of the Ports funds are grant dollars that can only be used for reimbursement of material or services purchased.

6) Renard Island Closure – Update

A letter was sent to US Army Corps of Engineers requesting to redirect the savings from the Cat Island Chain Restoration Project to the Renard Island Closure Project. The department has also reached out to our two Senators and Congressman. The two Senators made phone calls and our Congressman mailed a letter asking to have the money redirected as well. A letter did come from Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Ells confirming that the money can be redirected to the Renard Island Closure. The closure deadline is June 2013. Once the Corps determines the amount of funds available, staff will contact the state and ask for a closure date extension. The Corps is now doing work at the Renard Island which started a week ago. The Corps is moving 125,000 yards of material to Renard Island to fill in below the final cover. Brown County has identified the suitable cover material in cell 7 at Bay Port. The cover material will need to be hauled from Bayport to complete the closure plan.

7) Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association's Visioning Document – Update

Staff has been working on a grant with Wisconsin Coastal Management Program, Wisconsin Development Economic Corporation, Great Lakes Maritime Research Institute, and National Center for Freight and Infrastructure Research and Education (CFIRE) as a joint effort since the Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association does not have staff or an organizational structure that would allow receipt of grants. This is a two phase project. Phase One being an assessment of the existing infrastructure of all the Port's in the state of Wisconsin including the Mississippi River Port's. The second phase would be a vision itself setting goals, objectives, and actions moving forward. Completing both phases would take 18 months. One problem right now is to make sure there is enough matching dollars to ensure completion of phase two. There is very strong support from the participants, both monetarily and staff wise.

8) Public Communication Plan – Request for Approval

The department is in its third year agreement to work with Leonard & Finco Public Relation Services. There is a cost estimate for 2013 that would need approval for public awareness and local media outreach locally and nationally. The goal is to receive some more regional and national attention for Green Bay. During 2013 and RFP will be issued for future public relations services.

**A motion to approve the Public Communication Plan was made by Craig Dickman and seconded by John Hanitz. Unanimously approved.**

9) Director's Report

The department has a summary of all the Great Lakes Commercial harbors affected by Hurricane Sandy. There was no damage reported here in Green Bay.

Dean Haen will be heading to Toronto for the American Great Lakes Ports meetings and will report findings.

The Port Symposium will be held March 28, 2013.

We have two different companies interested in leasing the Bylsby property. With help from Commissioner Hyska the department has put together a package for one of the companies.

The County has received full payment from the City for past lease payments related to the cell phone tower.

10) 2012 Tonnage Report – Request for Approval

End of the year tonnage report shows it is down 11%. Coal has always been our largest commodity for the past 11 – 12 years and now limestone is. The reason is conversions in power and manufacturing to natural gas. Salt was down 40% because of the past two mild winters.

**A motion to approve the Tonnage Report was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Bryan Hyska.** Unanimously approved.

11) Audit of Bills – Request for Approval

**A motion to approve Audit of Bills was made by Bernie Erickson and seconded by Craig Dickman.** Unanimously approved.

12) Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law

None

13) Cat Island Chain Restoration Project Tour

Tour was arranged and taken of the Cat Island Chain Restoration Project.

14) Adjourn

**A motion to adjourn was made by Neil McKloskey and seconded by Hank Wallace.** Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.